(c) if not, how does Government plan to help poor tourists visiting the State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A scheme for construction of Yatri Nivas at Ajmer in Rajasthan has been identified for Central financial assistance during 1991-92.

मध्य प्रदेश में पर्यटक स्थलों का निर्माण

1620. **श्री राघव जी :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के विदिशा रायसेन जिलों में विश्वप्रसिद्ध सांची स्तूप, उदयगिरि की गुफाओं, उदयपुर मंदिर, भोज मंदिर, भीम बेठका की गुफाओं की महत्ता को देखते हुए क्या केंद्रीय सरकार ने पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान इन स्थानों तक पर्यटकों को सुगमतापूर्वक पहुंचने तथा ठहरने की सुविधायें-उपलब्ध कराने के लिए कोई कदम उठाए हैं ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या केंद्रीय सरकार इन महत्वपूर्ण और सुन्दर स्थानों को पर्यटन के उद्देश्य से विकसित करने के लिए कदम उठाएगी ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) से (ग) किसी भी स्थान पर पर्यटन आधारिक संरचनात्मक सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था और उनका विकास करने की मुख्य: जिम्मेदारी राज्य सरकारों की है । तथापि, केंद्रीय पर्यटन विभाग, प्राप्त विशिष्टि परियोजनाओं/स्कीमों के लिए उनके गुणदोष, धन की उपलब्धता तथा पारस्परिक प्राथमिकताओं को ध्यान में रखकर वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करता है । केंद्रीय पर्यटन विभाग ने सातवीं योजना अवधि तथा 1990-91 के दौरान क्रमश: सांची और भोजपुर में परियोजनाओं/स्कीमों के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की है ।

Indian Airlines booking office at Vijayawada

1621. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 50 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1991 and to state the justification for Indian Airlines booking office at Vijaywada in issuing tickets only for such Vayudoot flights which are in conjunction travel on Indian Airlines services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): As per the existing arrangements between Indian Airlines and Vayudoot, tickets issued by one airline are honoured by the other only when itinerary of the passenger involves flights on both the airlines. Indian Airlines has been advised to reconsider this arrangement with a view to issuing tickets for Vayudoot flights even where the itinerary does not involve travel by Indian Airlines, having regard to the fact that Vayudoot is an associate of Indian Airlines.

Development of Airports in the country

1622. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to develop some Airport during Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, what are their names;

(c) whether Bhubaneshwar airport is one of them; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the amount earmarked therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Since the size of the Eighth Plan is yet to be finalised, details have not been firmed up.

Indian Airlines performance slipping again

1623. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to news item "IA performance slipping again" which appeared in 'Times of India' dated November 11, 1991;

(b) what steps have been taken to ensure better punctuality of flights;

(c) what is Government's reaction to delay experienced by passengers on arrival due to lack of quick transport, slow baggage delivery, etc.;

(d) whether it is a fact that VIP movement is also responsible for recent delays in Indian Airlines flights; and

(e) reasons for not properly informed passengers of delay in flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps are taken by Indian Airlines to ensure punctuality of flights:—

(i) Close monitoring of operations on daily basis with timely action to improve the on-time performance; and

(ii) Rationalisation of block time and ground time for each flight.

(c) wherever necessary, transport is made available near the aircraft on arrival. Quick delivery of baggage is ensured by bringing it to the terminal building as far as possible.

(d) Occasionally due to movemen of VVIP aircraft, Indian Airline flights get delayed.

(e) Every possible effort is made b Indian Airlines to provide 'flight de lay' information to passengers wit reasons for delay.

Constitution of AIR Transport Council

1624. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Corporations Act, 1952 provides for the constitution of an Air Transpor Council;

(b) if so, whether any such council has been constituted by the Government;

(c) what are the details thereof and the functions assigned to the Council;

(d) whether the Air Transpor Council is acting in an open permissive quasi-judicial manner like the Public Utilities Commissions abroad;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what action Government propose to take to make the working of Air Transport Council more meaningful?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Under Section 30 of the Air Corporation Act, 1953, the Central Government may, from time to time, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, constitute an Air Transport Council.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.